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**FATHER AND SON RECEIVE LIFE IMPRISONMENT
IN FEDERAL DRUG CASE**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that, 55-year-old Chester Ennis and his son, 33-year-old William Ennis of Canutillo, Texas, were sentenced to life in federal prison for their roles in a marijuana distribution operation based in El Paso.

In May, a federal jury convicted the Ennis' of conspiring together to distribute more five kilograms of cocaine and more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. The jury found that from November 2001-August 2002, Chester organized the shipment to New York City of large amounts of cocaine and marijuana using semi-tractor trailer rigs and automobiles. During this investigation authorities seized 31 kilograms of cocaine and 700 pounds of marijuana. The jury also convicted Chester Ennis of three substantive drug possession charges and two counts of using a communication facility (telephone) to facilitate a drug trafficking crime. The jury also found William Ennis guilty on one substantive drug possession charge and one count of using a communication facility (telephone) to facilitate a drug trafficking crime.

Alberto Segura, of Anthony, NM, a 39-year-old co-defendant, received a 20-year federal prison term after being convicted by the same jury of the drug conspiracy charge, one substantive drug charge and two counts of using a communication facility (telephone) to facilitate a drug trafficking crime. Testimony revealed that Segura provided Chester Ennis with a New York buyer of 30 kilograms of cocaine.

Prior to trial, three other indicted co-defendants entered guilty pleas. On June 24, 2003, 28-year-old Jaime Santa-Naranjo of Tampa, Florida, was sentenced to ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty to the drug conspiracy charge and one substantive drug possession charge. On May 22, 2003, 55-year-old Richard Berggren of Starwood, Washington, was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison after pleading guilty to the conspiracy charge. Chester's wife, 55-year-old Sheila Ennis, who pled guilty to the conspiracy charge and one substantive drug possession charge on May 16, 2003, is currently awaiting her August 6, 2003, sentencing date. She faces between five and 40 years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Mark Greenberg prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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